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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### UPDATE ON ROUTES 29 AND 175 CHIP SEAL PROJECTS

**Eureka** – Caltrans announced today that two rubberized chip sealing projects on Routes 29 and 175 in Lake County are almost complete. The chip seal is intended to extend the life of the pavement, delaying major rehabilitation which will eventually cost tens of millions of dollars. The new high-traction surface will increase wet weather safety and the rubberized binder is helping to recycle more than 34,000 passenger car tires. Over the next several months the aggregate, or chips, will settle and the surface will become more smooth.

These projects, with a combined cost of about \$2.1 million, are complete except for construction of the center line rumble strip and final striping, which is anticipated to be completed within three weeks. The striping is being delayed due to a nation-wide shortage of reflective highway paint, caused by the combination of a chemical plant breakdown earlier this year and an increased number of highway projects funded by President Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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